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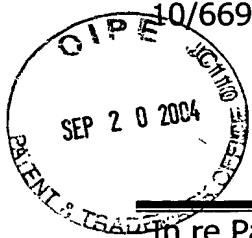
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ALLOCATING MINIMUM AND
MAXIMUM BANDWIDTHS ON A BUS-
BASED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
WITH REDUNDANT COMMUNICATION
CIRCUITS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification which begin on page 2 of this paper;
and

Remarks which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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